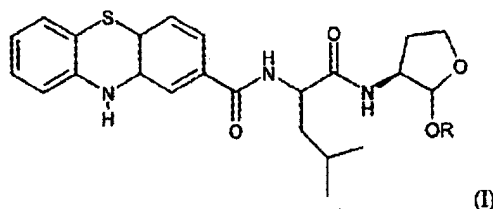


LISTING OF THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) A method of protecting acoustic hair cells~~preventing and/or treating hearing loss~~ comprising administering a heterocyclic derivative of formula



diastereoisomers of derivative (I), or combinations thereof,

wherein R is ~~a hydrogen atom~~, a (C₁-C₆) alkyl, aryl alkyl or -C(O)R' radical

wherein R' is a ~~heterocycloalkyl~~, (C₁-C₆) alkyl, aryl or aralkyl radical;

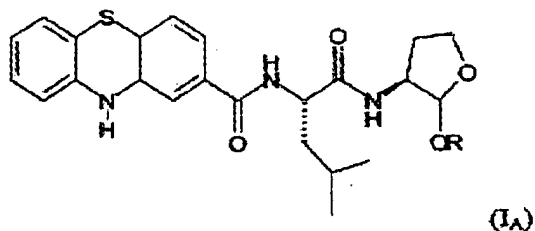
the alkyl, or aryl ~~or heterocycloalkyl~~ radicals being optionally substituted by one or more identical or different substituents including: (C₁-C₆) alkyl, hydroxy, (C₁-C₆) alkoxy, nitro, cyano, halogen or -NR₁R₂;

R₁ and R₂ are independently, a hydrogen atom or an (C₁-C₆)alkyl radical, ~~or R₁ and R₂ form together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached an optionally substituted heterocycle.~~

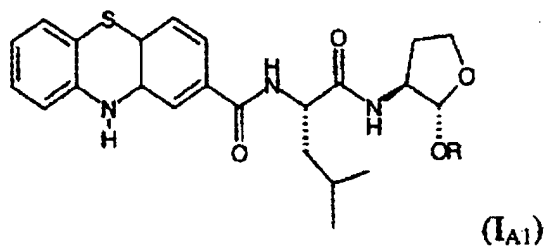
2. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein R is -C(O)R'.
3. (Previously presented) The method of claim 2, wherein R' is an alkyl radical.
4. (Previously presented) The method of claim 3, wherein R is -C(O)-CH₃.

5. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 1, wherein R is hydrogen.

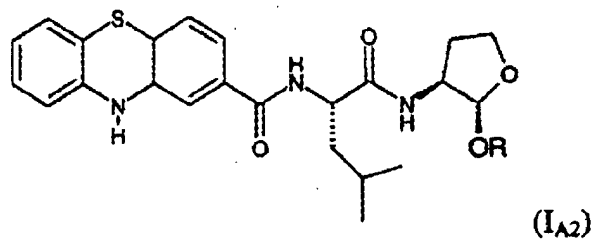
6. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the derivative (I) has the formula



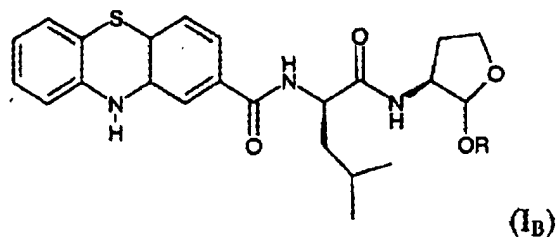
7. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the derivative (I) has the formula



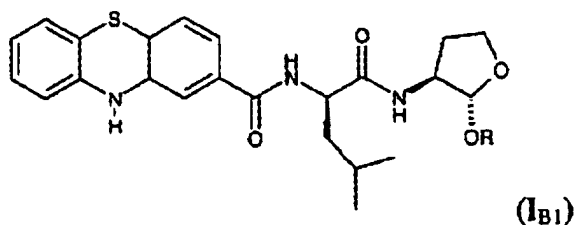
8. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the derivative (I) has the formula



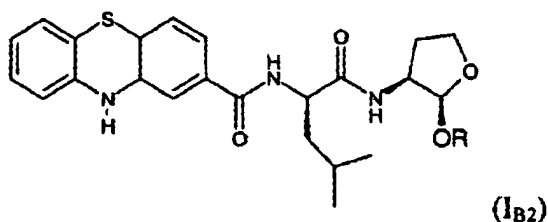
9. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the derivative (I) has the formula



10. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the derivative (I) has the formula



11. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the derivative (I) has the formula



12. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the derivative (I) is administered before an acoustic traumatism ~~in a pre-treatment.~~

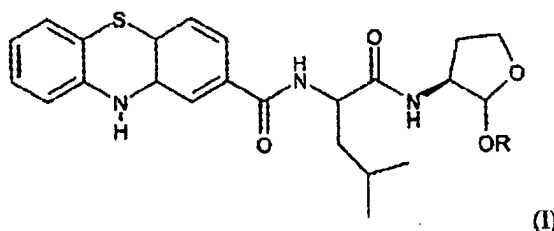
13. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the derivative (I) is administered ~~in a post-treatment~~ after an acoustic traumatism.

14. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the derivative is administered following the administration of a medicament, wherein the medicament comprises antibiotics, anti-cancer drugs, non-steroidal anti-inflammatory agents, diuretics, antiulceratives, anticonvulsant agents, or combinations thereof.

15. (Cancelled).

16. (Previously presented) The method of claim 14, wherein the medicament is an antibiotic.

17. (Previously presented) The method of claim 16, wherein the antibiotic is gentamicin.
18. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, wherein said method ~~prevents and/or treats hearing loss~~ **protects acoustic hair cells** following presbycusis.
19. (Cancelled).
20. (Currently amended) The method of ~~claim 19~~ **claim 1**, wherein the compound (I) is administered in the 7 hours following ~~the~~ **an** acoustic traumatism.
21. (Cancelled).
22. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, **further comprising administering** ~~wherein the compound (I) is administered in combination with~~ at least one other substance with pharmaceutical activity which is able to prevent and/or treat hearing loss or to prevent and/or treat any pathologies associated with hearing.
23. (Currently amended). The method of ~~one of claims 21 or 22~~ **claim 22**, wherein the other substance with pharmaceutical activity includes: antioxidants, calpain inhibitors, peripheral vasodilators, agonists or antagonists of the NMDA receptor, peptide inhibitors of c-Jun N-terminal kinase or combinations thereof.
24. (Withdrawn) A product comprising
(A) a heterocyclic derivative of formula (I):



diastereoisomers of derivative (I), or combinations thereof,

wherein R is a hydrogen atom, a (C₁-C₆) alkyl, aryl alkyl or -C(O)R' radical

wherein R' is a heterocycloalkyl, (C₁-C₆) alkyl, aryl or aralkyl radical;

the alkyl, aryl or heterocycloalkyl radicals being optionally substituted by one or more identical or different substituents including: (C₁-C₆) alkyl, hydroxy, (C₁-C₆) alkoxy, nitro, cyano, halogen or -NR₁R₂;

R₁ and R₂ are independently, a hydrogen atom or an (C₁-C₆)alkyl radical, or R₁ and R₂ form together with the nitrogen atom to which they are attached an optionally substituted heterocycle; and

(B) at least one substance with therapeutic activity.

25. (Cancelled).

26. (Cancelled).

27. (Cancelled).

28. (Cancelled).

29. (Withdrawn) A medicament comprising the product as defined in claim 24.

30. (Previously presented) The method of claim 20, wherein the derivative (I) is administered in the hour following the acoustic traumatism.

31. (Withdrawn) The product of claim 24, wherein said product is in a form suitable for administration simultaneously, separately or spread over time in order to prevent and/or treat hearing loss.

32. (Cancelled).